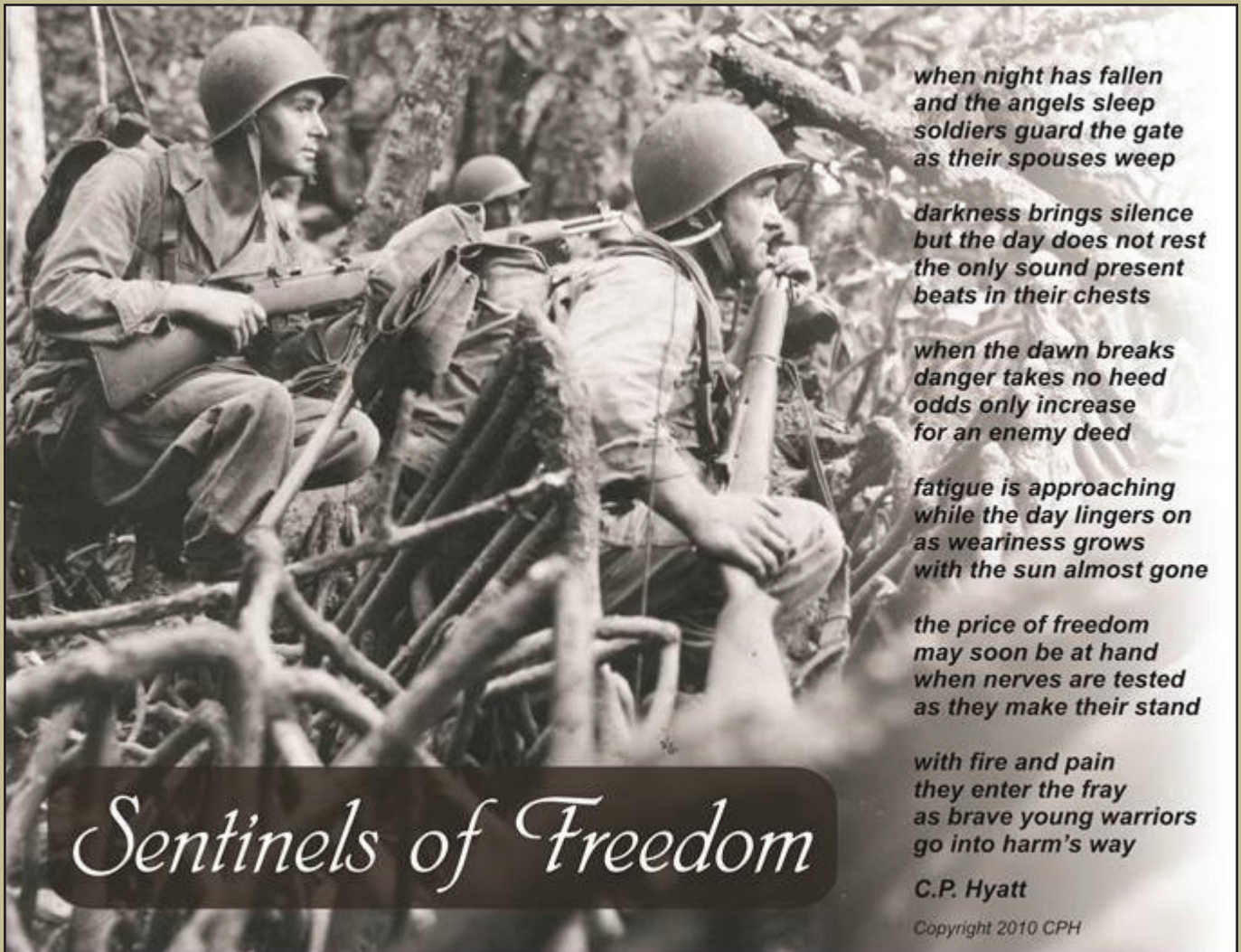


POEM, "SENTINELS OF FREEDOM," IS SHARED DURING LABOR DAY REUNION

The poem, "Sentinels of Freedom," by C. P. Hyatt was distributed at the 66th Merrill's Marauder reunion over Labor Day weekend in Louisville, KY. The poem, shared with you on the 11th anniversary of the World Trade Center terrorist attacks in New York City, is a glimpse into the price of freedom, and is appropriate for all combat veterans and their families. The poem's author, C. P. Hyatt, is on staff at the U.S. Army Military History Institute, which is part of the Army War College in Carlisle, PA. A Navy veteran of the Vietnam era, Hyatt's daily association with veterans from all branches of service along with active military personnel has inspired him to write poetry honoring the service of our men and women in the military. Several of Hyatt's poems have been shared with all of you as Anets during the past several years.



*when night has fallen
and the angels sleep
soldiers guard the gate
as their spouses weep*

*darkness brings silence
but the day does not rest
the only sound present
beats in their chests*

*when the dawn breaks
danger takes no heed
odds only increase
for an enemy deed*

*fatigue is approaching
while the day lingers on
as weariness grows
with the sun almost gone*

*the price of freedom
may soon be at hand
when nerves are tested
as they make their stand*

*with fire and pain
they enter the fray
as brave young warriors
go into harm's way*

C.P. Hyatt

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